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MISSILE IMPACT CRATERS
KAMCHATKA MISSILE IMPACT AREA OMICRON, USSR

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1. (TSR) SIGNIFICANCE: TWO NEW CRATERS WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE KAMCHATKA MISSILE IMPACT AREA OMICRON [REDACTED] THIS IS THE FIRST KNOWN USE OF THIS IMPACT AREA AND MAY BE THE IMPACT AREA FOR A NEW ICBM CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT AT PLESETSK MILLILE AND SPACE TEST CENTER. TWO NEARBY FACILITIES, KAMCHATKA IMPACT AREA OMICRON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY (BE [REDACTED] AND KAMCHATKA IMPACT AREA OMICRON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY 2 [REDACTED] WERE CONSTRUCTED RECENTLY AND PROBABLY SUPPORT THE TESTING CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.

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2. (TSR) REMARKS: [REDACTED] TWO PROBABLE MISSILE WARHEADS IMPACTED IN THE KAMCHATKA MISSILE IMPACT AREA OMICRON. THE RESULTING CRATERS ARE 5 TO 7 METERS IN DIAMETER. CRATER 1 IS IN A CLEAR LEVEL AREA AT 56-52-05N 161-24-01E. CRATER 2 IS ON A STREAM BANK AT 56-51-57N 161-25-14E. EVIDENCE OF NEARBY HELICOPTER LANDINGS AND FOOT TRACK ACTIVITY EXTENDING TO THE CRATERS INDICATES THE SOVIETS HAVE CONDUCTED ONSITE DEBRIS/CRATER EVALUATIONS.

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(TSR) THE PROBABLE WARHEADS IMPACTED VERY CLOSE TO A RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED 30-METER HIGH FREE-STANDING STEEL TOWER AT 56-51-35N 161-24-52E. THIS TOWER, REPORTED AS KAMCHATKA IMPACT AREA OMICRON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY 2, WAS ERECTED [REDACTED] CRATER 1 IS APPROXIMATELY 1,280 METERS FROM THE TOWER [REDACTED] CRATER 2 IS APPROXIMATELY 770 METERS FROM THE TOWER ON AN AZIMUTH OF 29 DEGREES. CRATERS 1 AND 2 ARE APPROXIMATELY 1,250 METERS APART.

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(TSR) THE TOWER IS CABLE-CONNECTED TO KAMCHATKA IMPACT AREA OMICRON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 4.7 KM TO THE SOUTHEAST WHERE A PROBABLE PLANAR ARRAY RADAR, SRF-RELATED VEHICLES, AND OTHER ELECTRONICS WERE RECENTLY IDENTIFIED.

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(S) DEFSMAC REPORTED THE LAUNCH OF FIVE MISSILES WHICH
IMPACTED IN OR NEAR THE KAMCHATKA PENINSULA IMPACT AREAS
BETWEEN [REDACTED] THESE WERE ONE SS-19

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[REDACTED] ONE SS-19 [REDACTED], ONE SS-19 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ONE SS-18 ON 8 FEBRUARY AND THE FIRST LAUNCH OF THE
PL-05 ALSO [REDACTED] (SDQ 56-83, 67-83, 93-83, AND 98-83).

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 56-50-00N 161-24-30E.

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4. [REDACTED] COLLATERAL REFERENCE:
MINIBOARD NPIC/IEG, NEWLY IDENTIFIED PROBABLE PLANAR ARRAY
RADAR, Z-15941/82, 10 DECEMBER 1982.

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